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Dear Town Official,

As the long Thanksgiving weekend approaches, I am writing to you as a town official to let you know that although the new legislation session does not begin until January 3, 2007, I have already begun preparing for the new session, and seek your help in doing this.

I have always enjoyed a strong relationship with the town officials in the district that I represent, and I look forward to working with you over the next two years on creating progress to address the major concerns of the residents of the towns that I represent. It is an honor to serve the people of the 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District, and with the arrival of Governor-elect Deval Patrick and Lieutenant Governor-elect Tim Murray in the corner office, I believe that there is great potential for positive change on Beacon Hill.

As the state Representative for the 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Acton, Boxborough, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg, and Shirley, I represent a district that is diverse geographically, ethnically, and economically. I know the commitment that you have to maintaining the quality of life in your town, and I want to be as helpful as possible towards sustaining that goal. If we haven't yet had the chance to meet or talk on the phone, please contact my office to set up a time to meet.

**In the spirit of getting your thoughts on filing legislation to help your community and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please find enclosed a survey that you can mail to my State House office, so that I can be more responsive to the needs of residents of the 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District. In addition, I would like to invite you to share your thoughts on potential legislation or issues that concern you during a legislative forum Senator Resor and I are hosting on Friday, December 1 at the Acton Public Safety Building on 371 Main Street from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. These forums are also being announced in the local newspapers.**

I want to be sure I serve as a resource to you in your duties as both a town official and a citizen of the 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District. I am committed to making sure that our municipal leaders



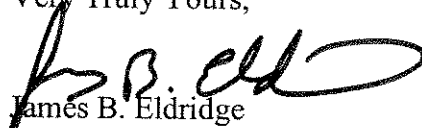
are properly informed about what's going on at Beacon Hill, and that you and your town's priorities are being address by both myself and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With that in mind, if you would like to add your e-mail to my State House e-newsletter, please write to me at [Rep.JamesEldridge@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:Rep.JamesEldridge@hou.state.ma.us), or indicate your email and your preference on the enclosed survey.

I want to be sure that my office serves as a resource to you. If there is anything I can do to help your town board or you individually, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have an excellent office staff who can help you with research, applying for grants, solving constituent concerns, or just providing you with general information.

Finally, I want to emphasize that if your town board or town is considering passing a by-law or requesting legislation be filed as a Home-rule petition, please consider consulting my office so that I may be helpful in determining how to best write the legislation in order to ensure the bill's swift passage.

Once again, thank you for your service to the town, and I look forward to working with you on matters important to your town and the people of the 37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District.

Very Truly Yours,



James B. Eldridge  
State Representative

P.S. I make a big effort to attend town and community events, and would appreciate any help in making sure that I know about any events that your town or town board is planning. I am always happy to participate in these events, whether just attending or giving some remarks. Although I do my best to read all of the district newspapers about upcoming events, I sometimes miss the announcements, so I appreciate any and all help in informing me about important community meetings or events.

**State Representative James Eldridge 2006 Legislative Priorities Survey**  
(answers to questions may also be emailed to james@RepEldridge.com)

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Y/N Would you like to be added to Rep. Eldridge's State House e-newsletter?

What issue(s) do you think that the Legislature should focus on?

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for legislation? (Please be as specific as possible)

What suggestions do you have for cutting costs in government, at the municipal or state level?

Is there anything that you think Rep. Eldridge should be doing to better represent constituents?  
Please describe.

If you have any more comments or suggestions for Rep. Eldridge, please feel free to use the back of this sheet.  
Please return this survey to Committee to Elect James Eldridge, P.O. Box 641, Acton MA 01720